



ANNUAL REPORT

1943

To the Chairman and Members of the

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

LADY AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report for the year 1943.

Section A.—STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Total Area of the District is 103,775 acres.

Registrar-General's estimate of resident population, 1943: 18,600.

Number of inhabited houses (end of 1943) according to Rate Books: 5,768.

Rateable Value of the District amounts to £216,032.

The sum represented by a penny rate is £873 0s. 6d.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	TOTAL.	Male.	Female.
Live Births—Legitimate	270	148	122
„ „ —Illegitimate	13	8	5

Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated civilian population: 15.21.

„ „ (R.G. England and Wales): 16.5.

Still Births—Legitimate	8	4	4
„ „ —Illegitimate	—	—	—

Rate per 1,000 total (Live and Still) births: 27.49.

Deaths from all Causes	214	109	105
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Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population: 11.5.

„ „ (R.G. England and Wales): 12.1.

There were no deaths from Puerperal causes during the year.

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births: 0.

Death Rates of Infants under one year of age:—

All Infants per 1,000 live births, 60.4 (England and Wales, 49).

Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births, 59.2.

Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births, 76.9.

These are represented by a total of 17 deaths: 11 males and 6 females; Legitimate, 16; Illegitimate, 1.

There was one death from Measles.

There were no deaths from Diphtheria, none from Whooping Cough, two from Diarrhoea under two years, and none from Scarlet Fever.

No unusual or excessive mortality occurred during the year.

No case of Small Pox has occurred.

**Section B.—GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES
FOR THE AREA.**

1. (i) PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS.

Comprise:—

One Medical Officer of Health (Joint Appointment).

One Chief Sanitary Inspector and two additional qualified Inspectors.

This Department also deals with all new buildings, water supplies, sewage disposal, meat inspection, etc.

(ii) (a) LABORATORY FACILITIES.

All pathological and bacteriological investigations are conducted at Derby in the County Laboratories.

Diphtheria Anti-toxin is supplied gratuitously in necessitous cases.

(b) AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

Cases of Infectious Disease are removed by the Motor Ambulance to the High Peak Hospital, Chinley, whilst the Red Cross Ambulance, together with an ambulance maintained by Imperial Chemical Industries Limited, serve for non-infectious and accident cases. The Boroughs of Buxton and Glossop also possess Motor Ambulances.

(c) NURSING IN THE HOME.

No provision is made for home nursing of Infectious Diseases. In most instances cases are removed to the Isolation Hospital at Chinley.

(d) CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

Maternity and Child Welfare Centres: 1 Chapel-en-le-Frith, 1 Chinley and 1 Hayfield.

Day Nurseries: None.

School Clinics: 1 Chinley.

Tuberculosis Dispensaries: 1 Chinley, Consultation and treatment provided by the County Council.

Treatment Centres for Venereal Diseases: None.

The Institution at Chinley is utilised by the County Council for school work and Tuberculosis.

**(e) HOSPITALS PROVIDED OR SUBSIDISED BY THE LOCAL
AUTHORITY OR THE COUNTY COUNCIL.**

1. Tuberculosis: Administered by the County Council.

2. Maternity: None.

3. Children: None.

4. Fever: High Peak Hospital. This comes under a Joint Scheme and serves Chapel-en-le-Frith Rural and New Mills Urban Districts.

5. Small Pox: This is treated, when it arises, in an isolated part of the Hospital.

6. Other: None.

The following Hospitals outside the District are available:—

Manchester Royal Infirmary.

Salford Royal Infirmary.

Sheffield Royal Infirmary.

Stockport Royal Infirmary.

Jessop Hospital for Women, Sheffield.

Buxton and District Hospital.

Devonshire Royal Hospital, Buxton, for Rheumatism and Allied Diseases.

The County Council undertake the administration and investigation of cases of Puerperal Pyrexia.

There is no institutional provision for unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants and homeless children, other than The Elms, Chapel-en-le-Frith (Public Assistance Institution).

No institutional provision for the care of mental defectives exists in the area.

District Nurses are maintained by the District Nursing Associations and are stationed at Chapel-en-le-Frith, Bamford, Hartington Upper Quarter, Chinley, and Charlesworth. These nurses visit the homes and render excellent service. In many instances they do much of the Midwifery work.

One Medical Officer of Health and four Medical Practitioners act as District Medical Officers under the Poor Law Acts and as District Vaccinators, and one Medical Practitioner acts as Medical Superintendent for the Infectious Diseases Hospital.

Section C.—SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. (i) WATER SUPPLY.

The sources of supply are Upland Surface Water and Springs. Generally speaking, the larger communities are provided with a constant supply of excellent water from the reservoirs, not readily polluted. There are, however, parts of the District where water supply has caused much anxiety for many years.

PEAK FOREST.

No alteration in the water supply to this village.

SHATTON.

The new Housing Estate is inadequately supplied from a private source.

(ii) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Sewerage Schemes exist in the following areas:—

Bamford.

Castleton.

Chinley and Buxworth.

Chapel-en-le-Frith.

Dove Holes.

Hope.

Hayfield.

2. RIVERS AND STREAMS.

BLACKBROOK. This flowing through Chapel-en-le-Frith, Chinley and Buxworth, and on whose banks are erected Bleaching and Dyeing Works, is liable to pollution by the effluents.

RIVER GOYT. Is similarly apt to be polluted.

3. (i) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Constant endeavour is made to replace old insanitary types by the water carriage system.

2 Privies have been abolished during the year.

2 New Water Closets have been fixed.

0 Cesspools were repaired or cleansed.

No. of Privy Middens in use at the end of 1943	1,021
No. of Pail Closets " " " " 	122
No. of Water Closets " " " " 	3,942
No. of Trough and Slop Water Closets in use at end of 1943	65
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Total	5,150

(ii) SCAVENGING.

In the following Parishes Public Scavenging is carried out by the Council:—

Bamford.

Chapel-en-le-Frith (including Dove Holes).

Chinley and Buxworth.

Hayfield.

Charlesworth.

In Chapel-en-le-Frith, Chinley and Buxworth, the Council are employing direct labour and utilising a modern scavenging motor vehicle to undertake the work.

All the refuse, whether from dustbins, ashpits, earth closets or privies, is removed to the tips.

(iii) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

28 Houses were inspected under the Housing Acts.

59 Informal Notices were served.

29 Statutory Notices were served.

34 Notices were complied with.

(iv) SHOPS.

It was not found necessary to take any proceedings under the provisions of the Shops Act, 1934.

(v) SMOKE ABATEMENT.

Nuisance from smoke has several times been discussed, but it was felt that interference was not justified.

A certain amount is inevitable in the industries of the neighbourhood, namely: lime burning.

(vi) SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

There are three swimming baths in the area, all privately owned.

(vii) ERADICATION OF BED-BUGS.

No occasion has arisen for action to be taken by the Local Authority for the eradication of bed-bugs.

4. SCHOOLS.

The sanitary condition of the Schools is on the whole good.

Eighteen of the Schools in the area are provided with Water Closets. Ten have pails or privies.

WATER. With the exception of Brandside, King Sterndale and Peak Forest, all the Schools in the area have public supply.

Disinfection of Schools has been carried out in 41 instances.

PREMISES AND OCCUPATIONS CONTROLLED BY BYE-LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

There are no offensive trades.

There are no underground sleeping rooms.

Section D.—HOUSING.

Housing made quite a big call on the time of the Department.

The Sanitary Inspector acts also as Building Surveyor.

Number of new Houses erected during the year:—

(a) Total including numbers given separately under (b)	...	...	4
(b) With State Assistance under the Housing Acts			
(1) By the Local Authority	...	...	—
(2) By other Bodies or persons	...	...	4

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING-HOUSES DURING THE YEAR:—

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	38
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...	114
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	...	...	28
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...	34
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	—
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	15

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES:—

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	6
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3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR:—

A. Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	...	...	14
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:			
(a) By Owners	...	...	9
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	...	...	—

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	...	19
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:			
(a) By Owners	...	...	14
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	...	...	—

C. Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936—

- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made —
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders —

D. Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936—

- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made —
- (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit —

Section E.—INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MILK SUPPLY.

A great deal of milk is produced in this district, much of which is sent to the larger towns. On the whole the milk reaches a good standard, though many of the cowsheds require structural alterations and improvements.

In the course of the year, many cowsheds have been inspected and notices have been sent to remedy defects and to bring the cowsheds and premises up to the standard suggested by the County Council. This is a lengthy and laborious task and difficulties arise in securing results.

Milk sent to the larger towns is examined by the Authority to whose area it is delivered.

There has been no refusal or revocation of registration of retailers.

Section F.—PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

No cases of Malaria, Dysentery, or Trench Fever have been notified. No cases have occurred of locally contracted Anthrax or Psittacosis.

No case of Encephalitis Lethargica has occurred. There is no institutional treatment of after-cases of Encephalitis Lethargica.

The majority of Cases of Infectious Disease are removed to the Isolation Hospital.

There was no vaccination or re-vaccination under the Public Health Act, 1927. (Small Pox prevention.)

There are no facilities for the cleansing and disinfection of verminous persons.

Disinfection of premises or articles which have been exposed to infection is carried out systematically.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR 1943

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Smallpox	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	58	51	0
Diphtheria	3	3	0
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	0	0	0
Pneumonia	13	0	10
Malaria	0	0	0
Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis	0	0	0
Erysipelas	0	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2	0	0
Whooping Cough	5	0	0
Measles	50	0	0
Cerebro Spinal Fever	1	1	0

ANALYSIS OF NOTIFIED CASES UNDER AGE GROUPS.

Disease	Under 1 year	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	Over 65
		2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65	
Smallpox
Scarlet Fever	1	3	6	30	9	7	2	...	...	...	...
Diphtheria	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)
Puerperal Fever
Puerperal Pyrexia
Pneumonia	1	1	...	1	1	3	4	2	...
Malaria
Acute Poliomyelitis
Eyrisipelas
Pneumococcal Meningitis
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Encephalitis Lethargica
Chicken Pox
Cerebro Spinal Fever	1	...	...	...	...

CANCER.

In the Chapel-en-leFrith Rural District the total number of deaths from Cancer is 28 (16 males and 12 females).

This as a percentage of total deaths represents 13 or 14.6 of male deaths and 11.3 of female deaths.

BLINDNESS.

No action has been taken under section 176 of the Public Health Act, 1936, for the prevention of blindness or for the treatment of persons suffering from any disease or injury to the eyes.

TUBERCULOSIS.

CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1943.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-respiratory		Respiratory		Non-respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 Year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1 to 5 Years	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
5 to 10 Years	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
10 to 15 Years	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15 to 20 Years	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
20 to 25 Years	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
25 to 35 Years	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	0
35 to 45 Years	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
45 to 55 Years	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
55 to 65 Years	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Over 65 Years	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	1	5	4	4	1	2	0	1

PUBLIC HEALTH REGULATIONS, 1925.

No occasion has arisen during the year to deal with any tubercular employee in the Milk Trade.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936 — SECTION 172.

No cases were removed to Hospital under this Section.

I have the honour to be,

Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

GEORGE COCHRANE,

M.A., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

THE CLERK,

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL,

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH.

Surveyor's and Sanitary Inspector's Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1943

COUNCIL OFFICES,

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH.

NEW STREETS AND BUILDINGS.

Total number of Plans approved	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
" " " " disapproved	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Plans approved for New Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
" " " other Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
New Houses completed	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
By Private enterprise	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Other Buildings completed	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
Drains laid to above	...	...	...	...	...	yds.	502
Gullies laid to above	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Vent Shafts	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Inspection Chambers	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Water Closets	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Ashbins	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Cesspools	...	...	...	...	...	...	6

HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS, ETC.

Houses Inspected (Housing Acts)	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
Notices served under Housing Act, 1936	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Informal Notices served by Inspector	...	...	...	...	...	...	59
Statutory Notices served by Inspector	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
Notices complied with	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
Houses provided with rainwater gutters	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
House roofs renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
" windows repaired or new fitted	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
" chimneys repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
" ceilings renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
" floors repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
" walls pointed or plastered	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
" connected to sewer	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
New Drains laid	...	...	...	...	...	...	51
Gullies fixed	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Inspection Chambers built	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Water Service Pipes repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Dampness remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Yards paved or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Water Closets repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Blocked Drains cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Drains repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Privies abolished	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Pails abolished	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
New Water Closets fixed	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
New Dustbins fixed	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Accumulations of manure and filth removed	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Water Samples submitted for analysis	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Other Nuisances or Repairs	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Houses Disinfected	...	...	...	...	...	...	54
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	44
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Other Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Public Schools Disinfected	...	...	...	...	...	...	41

FOODSTUFFS CONDEMNED AS UNFIT FOR CONSUMPTION:

9 tins of Soup.
 19 tins of Condensed Milk.
 19½ lbs. of Tinned Meat.
 3 tins Baking Powder.
 2½ lbs. Butter.

SALVAGE DISPOSED OF DURING THE YEAR:

	T.	C.	Q.	lbs.
Waste Paper	57	19	1	—
Rags	6	2	—	—
Tins	21	16	2	—
Scrap Iron	36	16	—	—
Bones	4	5	2	18
Rubber	6	18	3	—
Cullet	11	6	—	—
Non-ferrous Metals	—	9	3	21
Bottles		108½ doz.		
Jam Jars		906 „		
TOTAL VALUE		£630	7s. 5d.	

T. DINSDALE,

Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR

HAYFIELD, CHARLESWORTH AND CHISWORTH SANITARY DISTRICT, 1943

NAME OF INSPECTOR: E. N. PEARSON

AREA OF DISTRICT: 23,893 acres.

ESTIMATED NO. OF HOUSES: 1,304.

	No. of Inspections made by San. Insp.	No. of Notices Served Informal.	No. of Nuisances abated with or without Notice.
CLOSETS AND ASHPITS.			
Defective Privies, Pail Closets and Ashpits (not for conversion)	19	—	11
Conversion of Privies into W.C.'s ...	2	4	6
" " Pail Closets into W.C.'s	4	—	4
" " Privies into Pail Closets	6	3	9
Defective Water Closets	19	9	9
Provision of Additional Water Closets ...	13	—	3
" " Portable Ashbins	15	10	15
Dirty Closets	5	—	5

DRAINAGE.

No Disconnection of Waste Pipe ...	4	—	4
Defective Waste Pipe, Traps, Inlets and Drains	6	1	3
Drains obstructed	16	—	11

OTHER DEFECTS.

Paving of Courts and Yards	6	—	2
Roofs, Eaves-Spouts and Down Spouts...	11	1	5
Sinks	2	—	1
Insufficient Ventilation	2	1	1
Windows	2	1	1
Dampness	8	2	2
Water in Cellars	7	—	2
Water Supply	22	5	5
Overcrowding	—	—	—
Foul Conditions of Houses	6	1	1
Offensive Accumulations	2	1	1
Animals improperly kept	1	—	1
Pigsties	1	—	1
New Floors	5	2	2
Urinals	3	1	1
Nuisances not specified above	—	—	—
TOTALS ...	187	42	106

	No. on Register.	Inspections Made.	Notices Served.	Nuisances abated with or without Notice.
Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops ...	81	51	11	11
Bakehouses	7	11	—	—
Slaughterhouses	—	—	—	—
Offensive Trades	—	—	—	—
Common Lodging-houses	—	—	—	—
TOTALS ...	96	62	11	11

(Signed) E. N. PEARSON.

